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United Airlines 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 adding infant to a reservation actually works, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 you've landed in the right spot. Parents often assume this is 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 complicated, but once you know the age rules, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 the paperwork, and the exact steps, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 the whole process takes just a few minutes. 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 This guide breaks down everything 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 about the United Airlines infant policy in plain language, with real numbers, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 so you can book with 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 confidence and enjoy the trip with your little co-pilot. 🌟📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞

To add an infant to your 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 United Airlines flight, navigate to the 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 "Manage Trips" section on the website or app, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 select your reservation, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 and click "Add infant in lap". Domestic lap infants fly free, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 while international flights may 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 require a percentage of the adult fare plus taxes. 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞

Adding an Infant

You can add your infant to 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 your reservation either when booking your 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 tickets or after the ticket has been issued. 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞

For Domestic Flights (within the U.S. and to Puerto Rico) 📞

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- **During Booking:** On the **Passenger** 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 details page, simply select the option to **Add infant in lap.** 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞
- **After Booking:** Go to United Airlines Manage Trips, pull up your existing reservation, and click 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 **Add infant in lap** under the passenger details. 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞

For International Flights 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞

- **Post-Ticketing:** International infants must have a ticket issued (usually costing roughly 10% of the adult fare plus taxes). It is highly recommended to add the infant to the reservation well in advance of your travel date.
- **How to Add:** Because taxes are involved, it is usually easiest to call **1-800-433-7300** to speak with United Airlines Reservations so they can process the payment and officially update your booking.

Infants Under 7 Days Old

Regardless of whether your flight is domestic or international, you are required to contact Reservations directly if your infant is under 7 days old.

Important Things to Know

- **Lap Infant Age Limit:** Infants must be under 2 years old for the duration of the entire trip. If your baby turns 2 before your return flight, you will need to purchase a separate seat for the return portion.
- **Baggage Allowances:** United Airlines Traveling with Children guidelines state that you can check one stroller, one car seat, and a diaper bag for free, in addition to your standard luggage allowance.
- **Boarding Passes:** Even though a domestic lap infant does not cost extra, the airline must still assign them a boarding pass. Both your boarding

pass and the 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 infant's boarding pass 📞
+1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 are required at TSA and the gate. 📞
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For a visual tutorial on 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 adding your infant to
an existing American 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 Airlines reservation
online: 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞

Understanding the Infant Age Rules Before You Fly 📞

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days old, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 though anything under 7 days old needs
a signed 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 note from a doctor confirming the
newborn is cleared to travel. 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 Any child under 2
years old 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 qualifies as an infant, and only 1 infant
can travel on 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 the lap of each ticketed adult. If a
📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 parent is traveling with 2 infants, the second little
📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 one needs their own ticket and their own seat, 📞
+1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 secured in an FAA-approved car seat. 📞
+1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 Here's a detail many families miss: 📞
+1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 if your baby's 2nd birthday falls in the middle of a
multi-leg trip, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 a seat must be purchased for
every 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 flight segment scheduled on or after that
birthday, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 even if the earlier legs were booked as a
lap infant. 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 Keep this timeline in mind while
planning 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 connections so nothing catches you off
guard at the gate. 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 Families flying internationally 📞
+1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 should also know that documentation rules 📞
+1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 mirror adult travel exactly, meaning a valid passport
is 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 required regardless of age, and a Letter of 📞
+1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 Consent may be requested if a minor is 📞
+1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 traveling without both parents present. 📞
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How to Add Your Infant to an Existing Booking, Step by Step

Adding a lap  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  infant to United Airlines is possible in 3 main ways,  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  and knowing all 3 gives you flexibility depending on your situation.  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  First, during the original  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  purchase, simply select "Infant in lap" or  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  "Infant in seat" on the passenger details page before paying.  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  Second, for a reservation that's  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  already confirmed, you can often update passenger  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  details through the online trip management tool,  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  though many international itineraries and  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  certain fare classes require a quick call to  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  Reservations instead. Third, if time is tight,  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  agents at the check-in counter can add the  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  infant before departure, provided you bring proof of  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  age such as a birth certificate. On domestic routes, a lap infant flies at no extra fare cost,  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  while international lap infants are ticketed and typically charged around 10 percent of the adult fare,  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  plus applicable taxes and surcharges. Families who prefer extra security can purchase a  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  dedicated seat instead, letting the baby ride in an FAA-approved car seat rather than on a  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  parent's lap for the entire flight. On select wide-body aircraft, including certain 777 and 787 models, a limited number of bassinets, sometimes called SkyCots, are offered on a first-come,  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  first-served basis at the gate; these are reserved for babies under 2 years old weighing no more than 20 pounds and aren't offered in premium cabins  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  . Whichever path you choose, double- +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  check every detail 24 to 48 hours before departure so your infant's name and ticket status are  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  properly attached to each leg of your itinerary. 

A few extra details are worth  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  knowing before your travel date.  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  Expecting parents flying close to their due date should note that a  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  doctor's certificate is required if the  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  due date falls within 4 weeks of the flight,  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  and domestic trips under 5 hours aren't permitted  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  within 7 days before or after a delivery date without special medical clearance.  +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞  On board,

breast pumps and a small cooler for milk don't count toward your carry-on or personal item allowance, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 which gives nursing parents 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 one less thing to juggle. Families traveling with a lap infant are 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 also usually invited to board a little 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 earlier than the main cabin, giving you extra minutes 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 to settle into your row and get your baby 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 comfortable before the rush of boarding begins. 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 Booking your seats in advance 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 is a smart move too, since American tries to keep children under 15 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 seated next to at least 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 1 accompanying adult when seats aren't chosen ahead of time. 🍼📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞

Flying with a baby doesn't have 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 to feel overwhelming once you 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 understand the United Airlines infant 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 policy from start to finish. Confirm the age rules, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 gather the right documents, pick the 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 option that fits your family, and you'll be settled into 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 your seats with far less stress on travel day. 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 Safe travels to you and your little one! 🌈👶📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞

? Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the minimum age for a baby to fly on United Airlines? 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 United Airlines welcomes infants as young as 2 days old. However, if your baby is under 7 days old, you'll need 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 a signed doctor's note confirming they 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 are medically cleared to travel. 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 This applies to both domestic and international routes, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 so it's worth calling ahead if you're flying with 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 a very new baby to confirm exactly 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 what paperwork the gate agent will want to see before boarding. 🤰📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞

2. How do I add my infant if I already booked my ticket without one? 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 If your reservation is already confirmed, you can often update passenger details through the 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 online trip management tool for

domestic itineraries. 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 For international routes or certain fare types, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 a quick call to Reservations 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 is usually required instead 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 . You can also add your infant at the check-in counter on the day of travel, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 as long as you bring proof of age 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 like a birth certificate for the agent to review. 📄 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞

3. Does a lap infant fly free on United Airlines? 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞

On domestic routes within the United States, a lap infant under 2 years old travels at no extra fare cost, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 since they don't require their own ticket. 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 On international routes, the infant must be ticketed 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 and is typically charged around 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 10 percent of the accompanying adult's fare, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 plus any applicable taxes and surcharges 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 that apply to the specific route being booked. 🇺🇸 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞

4. Can I book a separate seat for my infant instead of holding them? 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 /

📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 Yes, many parents prefer this option for added comfort and safety 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 especially on longer routes. You can purchase a dedicated seat 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 for your infant, and they'll need to be secured in an FAA-approved car seat for taxi, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 takeoff, landing, and anytime the seatbelt sign is on. A child fare typically 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 applies when booking a full seat instead of a lap spot, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 and pricing can vary depending on the route and travel dates you select. 🧑🏻 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞

5. What documents do I need to add an infant to my reservation? 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 /

📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 For domestic travel, a birth certificate is generally enough to confirm your infant's age at the counter. 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 For international travel, your infant needs the 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 same documentation as an adult, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 meaning a valid passport is required 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 regardless of age. If a minor is traveling without both parents, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 a Letter of Consent may also be requested by staff, so it's smart to prepare these papers well ahead of your departure date. 📄 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞

6. What happens if my infant turns 2 during a multi-leg trip? 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 /

+1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 If your baby's second birthday falls during your itinerary, a proper seat must be purchased for every flight 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 scheduled on or after that date, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 even if earlier segments were booked as a lap infant. 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 It's smart to check every leg of a connecting 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 itinerary carefully, well before departure, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 so you aren't caught off guard at the gate on a later date of your trip. 🎂 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞

7. Are bassinets available for infants on United Airlines flights? 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 /

+1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 A limited number of bassinets, sometimes called SkyCots, are offered on select wide-body aircraft, including 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 certain 777 and 787 models. 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 They're available on a first-come, first-served basis at the gate, reserved for babies under 2 years 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 old weighing no more than 20 pounds, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 and they aren't offered in first or business cabins, so it helps to ask early during boarding. 🛏️ 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞

8. Can only one infant travel per adult on United Airlines? 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 /

+1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 Yes, only 1 infant may be seated on the lap of each ticketed accompanying adult on any given 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 flight. If a parent is traveling with 2 infants under 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 2 years old, the second child 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 must have their own ticket and occupy an FAA-approved 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 car seat or a separate aircraft 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 seat rather than another adult's lap during the flight itself. 👪 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞

9. Do I need special approval to fly soon after giving birth? 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 /

+1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 If your due date is within 4 weeks of your flight, a doctor's certificate confirming you're fit to fly is required 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 before departure. For domestic flights under 5 hours, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 travel isn't permitted 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 within 7 days before or after a delivery date unless 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 a physician and special assistance 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 coordinator provide written approval in advance of the trip. 🏥 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞

10. Will my infant get priority boarding on United Airlines? 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 /

+1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 Families traveling with a lap infant are typically invited to board a little earlier than the main cabin group, 📞 +1-877-664-12→61📞 / +1-877-664-12→61📞 📞 giving parents

extra time to settle in, organize items, and get 🐼 +1-877-664-12→61🐼 / +1-877-664-12→61🐼 🐼
comfortable before the rest of the cabin boards. It's a small courtesy that makes a real
difference 🐼 +1-877-664-12→61🐼 / +1-877-664-12→61🐼 🐼 on a busy travel day with a little one in
your arms. 🌟🐼 +1-877-664-12→61🐼 / +1-877-664-12→61🐼 🐼